

2 - Root Locus method - Drawing rules

Root Locus drawing rules

$$\frac{D(s) G(s)}{1+D(s)G(s)} = \frac{K L(s)}{1+KL(s)}$$

characteristic equation

roots of $1+KL(s)=0$ \rightarrow closed loop poles

Varying K changes dynamic response

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 1+KL(s) &= 0 \\ 1+K \frac{b(s)}{a(s)} &= 0 \\ a(s)+Kb(s) &= 0 \\ L(s) &= -1/K \end{aligned} \right\}$$

equivalent

$$b(s) = \prod_{i=1}^m (s - z_i)$$

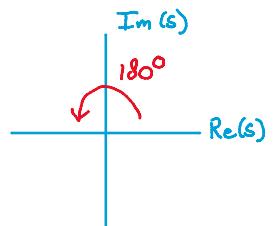
$$a(s) = \prod_{i=1}^n (s - p_i)$$

Key definitions

Definition I: $1+KL(s)=0$ must be satisfied under varying K , $K \in [0, \infty)$

$$L(s) = -1/K \quad Re^{st} = Re^{j\omega t}$$

$s=j\omega$ \leftarrow phase
 k \leftarrow amplitude



Definition II: Root locus of $L(s)$ is the set of points in the s-plane where the phase of $L(s)$ is 180°

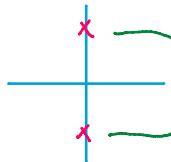
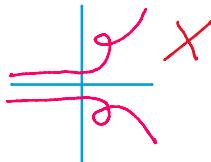
ℓ : integer value

$$a(s) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$$

hard to solve...

easy to check!

LTI system:



Complex conjugate behaviour

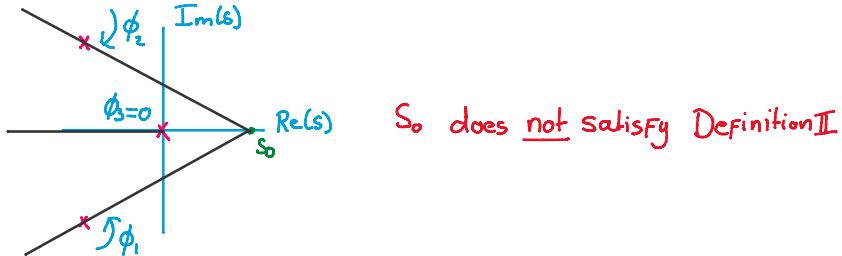
Drawing rules

Rule 1: n branches start at the poles of $L(s)$, m branches end at the zeros of $L(s)$

$$a(s) + K b(s) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a(s) = 0 & K = 0 \text{ poles } (n) \\ b(s) = 0 & K \rightarrow \infty \text{ zeros } (m) \end{cases}$$

Strictly proper TF: $n-m$ branches go to ∞

Rule 2: The loci are on the real axis to the left of an odd number of poles and zeros



Rule 3: For large s and K , the loci that go to infinity are asymptotic lines radiating at a fixed angle from a central point, the centre of gravity of the poles.

$$\phi_l = \frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)}{n-m} \quad l=1, 2, \dots, n-m \quad \# \text{loci going to infinity: } n-m$$

angles at which the asymptotes branch out

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum p_i - \sum z_i}{n-m} \quad \text{only real parts needed!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Complex conjugate pair: } & \sum c \pm di = \\ & c + di + c - di = 2c \end{aligned}$$

Centre of gravity of the asymptotes

Intermediate example

$$G(s) = \frac{s+1}{(s-1)(s^2+4s-8)} \quad m=1 \quad z_i = -1 \quad P_i = 1, -2 \pm 2j$$

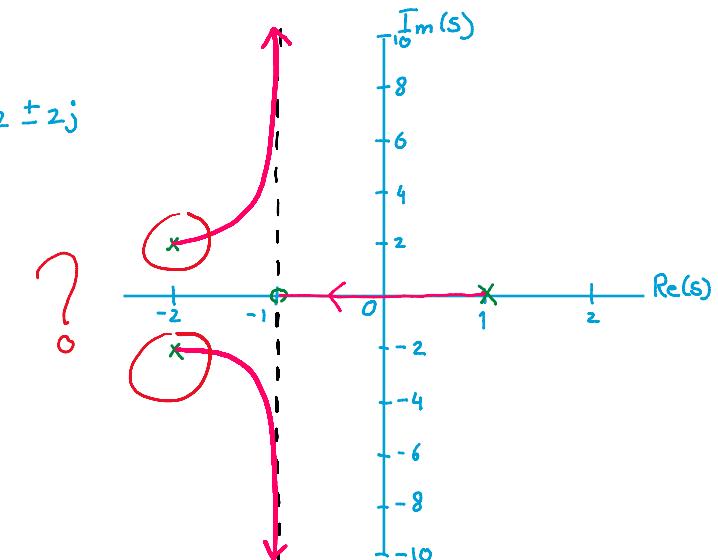
$$D(s) = 1$$

$$1 + D(s) G(s) = 1 + kL(s) = 0$$

$$\phi_l = \frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)}{n-m} \quad l=1, n-m \leq 2$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{180^\circ + 0^\circ}{2} = 90^\circ \quad \phi_2 = \frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ}{2} = 270^\circ$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum P_i - \sum z_i}{n-m} = \frac{1-2-2-(-1)}{3-1} = -1$$



Rule 4: The departure angle of a branch of the locus from a single pole is given by

$$\phi_{\text{dep}} = \sum_{i \neq \text{dep}} \psi_i - \sum_{i \neq \text{dep}} \phi_i - 180^\circ$$

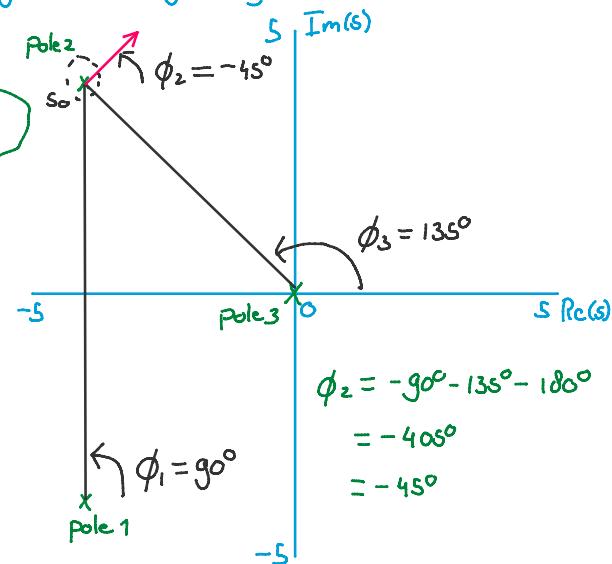
Definition II

$\sum_{i \neq \text{dep}}$ sum of zeros
 $\sum_{i \neq \text{dep}}$ sum of poles not considered

$$g \phi_{l,\text{dep}} = \sum_{i \neq \text{dep}} \psi_i - \sum_{i \neq \text{dep}} \phi_i - 180^\circ - 360^\circ(l-1) \quad l=1, 2, \dots, g \leq 1$$

g : repeated poles

$$g \psi_{l,\text{arr}} = \sum_{i \neq l,\text{arr}} \phi_i - \sum_{i \neq l,\text{arr}} \psi_i + 180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1) \quad l=1, 2, \dots, g$$



Rule 5: The locus can have multiple roots at points on the locus and the branches approach a point of g roots with angles separated by $\frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)}{g}$

angles of departure and arrival: Continuation Locus

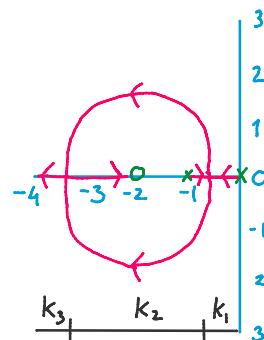
$$\left. \begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{s+2c}{s(s+1)} \\ D(s) &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} 1 + kL(s) = 1 + k \frac{s+2}{s(s+1)} = 0$$

$$r_1, r_2 = -\frac{k+1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{k^2-6k+11}{4}}$$

Complex when $0.172 < K < 5.828$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= K_1 \\ K &= K_1 + K_2 \\ K &= K_1 + K_2 + K_3 \end{aligned}$$

apply Rule 4!



Summary

- * Drawing rules for Root Locus \rightarrow understanding closed-loop behaviour through its open-loop plant
- * Two definitions 1: $1 + kL(s) = 0 \quad k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ 2: $\sum \psi_i + \sum \phi_i = 180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)$
- * Rule 1: Branches from pole to zero or pole to infinity
- Rule 2: Phase requirement, Loci on the real axis to the left of odd numbers of poles and zeros
- Rule 3: Asymptotic behaviour (angles + central point) $\phi_l = \frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)}{n-m} \quad l=1,2,\dots,n-m$
 $\alpha = \frac{\sum p_i - \sum z_i}{n-m}$
- Rule 4: Angles of departure and arrival
 $g\phi_{l,dep} = \sum_{i \neq l, dep} \psi_i - 180^\circ - 360^\circ(l-1) \quad g\psi_{l,arr} = \sum_{i \neq l, arr} \psi_i + \sum \phi_i + 180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1) \quad l=1,2,\dots,g$
- Rule 5: Multiple roots at point on the Locus $\frac{180^\circ + 360^\circ(l-1)}{g}$
↳ Continuation locus